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Stated Meeting, January 3, 1896.

Mr. W. V. McKEAN in the Chair.

Present, 27 members.

Reports of the Clerks and Judges of the election were read and the report of the election was submitted:

President.

Frederick Fraley.

Vice-Presidents.

E. Otis Kendall, J. P. Lesley, Wm. Pepper.

Secretaries.

George F. Barker, George H. Horn, Persifor Frazer,
Patterson Du Bois.

Curators.

J. Cheston Morris, R. Meade Bache, Benj. S. Lyman.

Treasurer.

J. Sergeant Price.

Councilors.

Wm. A. Ingham, Chas. S. Wurts, Robert Patterson, Henry Hartshorne, Isaac J. Wistar, in place of Richard Vaux, deceased.

On motion, the thanks of the Society were tendered to Judge Edmunds and his associates for their services on the board of election.

Letters of envoy from the Geological Survey of India, Calcutta; Naturwissenschaftlichem Vereine, Osnabrück, Prussia; Society of Antiquaries, London, Eng.; Direccion General de Estadistica, Mexico, Mex.

Letters of acknowledgment from the Linnean Society of N. S. Wales, Sydney (143, 146); Geological Survey of India, Calcutta (147); M. G. Tschermak, Vienna, Austria (147); Naturwissenschaftl. Gesellschaft "Isis," Dresden, Saxony (147); Società Italiana d'Igiene, Milan, Italy (143, 146); Società Africana d'Italia, Naples, Italy (147); R. Accademia di Scienze, Lettere, etc., Padua, Italy (143); R. Comitato Geologico d'Italia, Rome (147); Dr. Charles S. Wurts, Philadelphia (147); California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco (144, 145).

Accessions to the Library were reported from the Schweiz. Naturfor. Gesellschaft, Schaffhausen; Thüringische Geschichte und Altertumskunde, Jena, Germany; Mr. Horatio Hale, Ottawa, Canada; Dr. Samuel A. Green, Boston, Mass.; Dr. C. A. M. Fennell, Cambridge, Mass.; Prof. E. J. James, Mr. B. S. Lyman, Philadelphia; U. S. National Museum, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.; Academy of Sciences, Department of Public Works, Chicago, Ill.; Agricultural Experiment Station, Ames, Ia.; Dr. Jesus Diaz de Leon, Aguascalientes, Mexico; Sociedad Científica, "Antonio Alzate," Mexico, Mex.

The stated business of the meeting being the nomination of Librarian, J. Sergeant Price nominated George H. Horn, and E. D. Cope nominated Benj. S. Lyman.

Prof. Cope made a verbal communication on certain

types of Saurians in completion of a former paper on the same subject.

Pending nominations 1332 to 1334 were read.

Mr. Wm. A. Ingham moved to amend Chapter viii, Section 3 of the Laws, by striking out "from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.," and inserting "at such hours as the Society may by resolution from time to time direct." Laid over under the laws.

The Judges of election reported the receipt of a paper questioning the eligibility of a candidate. As they deemed the question beyond their jurisdiction the paper was referred to the Society for action. On motion, the President was requested to appoint a committee of three to investigate and report upon it.

After reading the rough minutes, the Society was adjourned by the presiding member.

Stated Meeting, January 17, 1896.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Present, 36 members.

Correspondence was submitted as follows:

Invitation from the Société Impériale Russe de Géographie, St. Petersburg, to attend the Fiftieth Anniversary of its foundation, February 2 (January 21), 1896.

Letter from Mr. Thomas Meehan, offering to take in hand the labeling of the South American plants from Dr. Barton's collection belonging to the Society, and suggesting that they be deposited in the herbarium of the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia.

A communication from the Librarian of the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, stating that their complete set of the A. P. S. *Proceedings* was destroyed by fire, October 27, 1895, was referred to Secretaries with power to act.

Letters of acknowledgment (148) were received from the Wag-